

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14. (withdrawn)

Claim 15. (currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

a) ~~an endorepellin protein~~, wherein said endorepellin consists of amino acid residues 3687 to 4391 of perlecan, its or an endorepellin fragments or derivatives, or analogs thereof; and

b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

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Claim 16. (cancelled)

Claim 17. (new): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 15, wherein said endorepellin fragment is selected from the group consisting of a fragment consisting of amino acid residues 3687 to 4181 of perlecan and a fragment consisting of amino acid residues 3927 to 4181 of perlecan.
